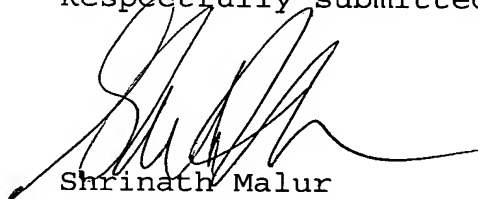


REMARKS

Claim 1 is currently pending in the application.

The title has been amended as in the parent application. Applicants are preparing new claims for examination and will submit them shortly. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shrinath Malur', is written over the typed name.

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